

Announcement of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study to restore water quality in a portion of Accotink Creek that has an aquatic life use impairment.

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announce a Public Meeting to introduce the Accotink Creek Benthic TMDL study to members of the community.

**PUBLIC MEETING:**

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 4 and 5

12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035

**MEETING DESCRIPTION:** This is the first public meeting for this project. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the project and discuss the study with community members.

**DESCRIPTION OF STUDY:** A portion of Accotink Creek has been identified as impaired on the Clean Water Act §303(d) list for not supporting the aquatic life use due to poor health in the benthic biological community. Virginia agencies are working together with EPA to identify the benthic stressors causing the aquatic life use impairment on Accotink Creek. The Accotink Creek watershed covers both the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County. Below is a description of the impaired portion of Accotink Creek that will be addressed in this study:

<b>Stream Name</b>	<b>Watershed Location</b>	<b>Impairment</b>	<b>Area (miles)</b>	<b>Upstream Limit</b>	<b>Downstream Limit</b>
Accotink Creek	Fairfax County Fairfax City	Aquatic Life Use Benthic Macroinvertebrates	7.35	Confluence of Accotink Creek with Calamo Branch	Start of the tidal waters of Accotink Bay

During the study, DEQ will develop a total maximum daily load (TMDL) for the impaired watershed. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, pollutant levels have to be reduced to the TMDL allocated amount.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** The public comment period on the materials presented at the Public Meeting will extend from September 29, 2009 to October 29, 2009. DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Please send all comments to the contact listed below.

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